# Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 51335 Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC RN102349438 Docket No. 2015-1483-IWD-E

**Order Type:** 

1660 Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:** 

N/A

Media:

**IWD** 

**Small Business:** 

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

7 Eleven 57218, on United States Highway 287, approximately one mile southwest of

Harrold, Wilbarger County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility **Other Significant Matters:** 

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: January 22, 2016

Comments Received: No

**Penalty Information** 

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$11,800

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$2,360 Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$9,440 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A **SEP Conditional Offset:** \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

**Compliance History Classifications:** 

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - High

Major Source: No

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A **Applicable Penalty Policy:** April 2014

# Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

**Complaint Information**: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: July 9, 2015 Date(s) of NOE(s): August 24, 2015

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# Violation Information

- 1. Failed to calibrate the flow meter annually. Specifically, the flow meter had not been calibrated within the last twelve months [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 5].
- 2. Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations for biochemical oxygen demand total suspended solids, and total chlorine residual [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Conditions of the Permit].
- 3. Failed to report any effluent violation which deviates from the permitted effluent limitation by more than 40% in writing to the Abilene Regional Office and the Enforcement Division within five working days of becoming aware of the noncompliance. Specifically, the Respondent failed to submit noncompliance notifications within five working days for the exceedances of permitted limitations by more than 40% for the months of May 2014, August 2014, October 2014, January 2015 and April 2015. The noncompliance notifications were submitted on June 20, 2015 [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 7.c].
- 4. Failed to to comply with test procedures for the analysis of pollutants. Specifically, pH meter calibrations were not being performed each day that samples were analyzed with a minmum of two standards which bracket the pH values of the sample. In addition, the Respondent was not conducting manganese correction for total chlorine residual measurements and was not measuring for total chlorine residual values greater than 2.2 mg/L [30 Tex. ADMIN. Code §§ 305.125(1), 319.6, 319.9(d) and 319.11(c) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 2].

# Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

# Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:

- a. On June 20, 2015, submitted written noncompliance notifications for effluent violations which deviated from the permitted effluent limitations by more than 40% to the TCEQ Abilene Regional office and the Enforcement Division.
- b. On August 31, 2015, calibrated the flow meter.
- c. By September 8, 2015, purchased pH standards, began calibrating the pH meter, purchased potassium iodide and sodium arsenite to conduct manganese correction for total chlorine residual, and begin measuring total chlorine residual values greater than 2.2 milligrams per liter ("mg/L").
- d. By May 31, 2015, removed sludge and cleaned the chlorine contact chamber and returned to compliance with permitted effluent limitations.

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# **Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require Respondent to:

- a. Update the Facility's operational guidance and conduct employee training to ensure that all reporting requirements are properly accomplished, including the timely submittal of noncompliance notifications, in accordance with TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 7.c.
- b. Within 45 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance with a.

# Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A SOAH Referral Date: N/A Hearing Date(s): N/A Settlement Date: N/A

# **Contact Information**

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Cheryl Thompson, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 3, MC R-04, (817) 588-5886; Michael Parrish, Enforcement

Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548 **TCEQ SEP Coordinator**: N/A

Respondent: Yossi Lipman, President, Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC, 12700

Park Central, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75251

Scott Prall, Director of Fuel, Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC, 12700 Park Central,

Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75251 **Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

#### Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) PCW Revision March 26, 2014 Assigned 31-Aug-2015 PCW Screening 8-Sep-2015 22-Sep-2015 EPA Due RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION Respondent Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN102349438 Facility/Site Region 3-Abilene Major/Minor Source Minor CASE INFORMATION Enf./Case ID No. 51335 No. of Violations 4 Docket No. 2015-1483-IWD-E Order Type 1660 Media Program(s) Water Quality Government/Non-Profit No Multi-Media Enf. Coordinator Cheryl Thompson EC's Team Enforcement Team 3 Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum Maximum \$25,000 Penalty Calculation Section TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) \$13,250 Subtotal 1 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage. **Compliance History** 0.0% Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 \$0 Adjustment Notes No adjustment for compliance history. Culpability No 0.0% Enhancement Subtotal 4 \$0 Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. **Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** Subtotal 5 -\$1,450 **Economic Benefit** 0.0% Enhancement\* Subtotal 6 \$0 Total EB Amounts \*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount \$49 Estimated Cost of Compliance \$1,625 **SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** \$11,800 Final Subtotal OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0.0% \$0 Adjustment Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. Notes Final Penalty Amount \$11,800 STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty \$11,800 **DEFERRAL** 20.0% Reduction Adjustment -\$2,360 Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.) Notes Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

\$9,440

**PAYABLE PENALTY** 

**Docket No.** 2015-1483-IWD-E

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) PCW Revision March 26, 2014

PCW

Respondent Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC

**Case ID No.** 51335

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102349438

Media [Statute] Water Quality Enf. Coordinator Cheryl Thompson

Component	Number of	Enter Number Here	Adjust
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0 .	0%
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0 .	0%
Judgments	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	. 0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0 .	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0	0%
	Ple	ase Enter Yes or No	
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
Other	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%
	Adjustment Per	centage (Sub	total 2)
peat Violator	(Subtotal 3)		
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Satisfactory	Performer Adjustment Per	centage (Subt	otal 7)
mpliance Hist	ory Summary		
Compliance History	No adjustment for compliance history.		

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100%

Respondent Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC Case ID No. 51335 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102349438 Media Water Quality Percent Interest Depreciation Years of Violation No. 1 5.0 Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs **EB** Amount Item Description No commas or \$ **Delayed Costs** 0.00 Equipment \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Engineering/Construction 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 n/a Land Record Keeping System 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 n/a Training/Sampling 0.00 \$0 n/a Remediation/Disposal 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Permit Costs 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 9-Jul-2015 31-Aug-2015 0.15 Other (as needed) \$450 \$3 Actual cost to calibrate the flow meter. Date required is the investigation date. Final date is the date of Notes for DELAYED costs compliance. ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs) **Avoided Costs** 0.00 Disposal \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 Personnel \$0 Inspection/Reporting/Sampling 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 Supplies/Equipment \$0 Financial Assurance [2] 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 Notes for AVOIDED costs

\$450

Approx. Cost of Compliance

TOTAL

\$3

Respondent Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC Case ID No. 51335 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102349438 Media Water Quality Years of **Percent Interest** Depreciation Violation No. 2 5.0 Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs **EB** Amount Item Description No commas or \$ **Delayed Costs** 0.00 Equipment \$0 \$0 \$0 Buildings 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Engineering/Construction 0.00 \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 Land n/a \$0 \$0 Record Keeping System 0.00 \$0 n/a Training/Sampling 0.00 n/a \$0 Remediation/Disposal 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Permit Costs 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 31-May-2014 31-May-2015 1.00 Other (as needed) \$500 Estimated cost to remove sludge and clean the chlorine contact chamber to achieve compliance with permitted effluent limitations. Date required is the first month of noncompliance. Final date is the date of Notes for DELAYED costs compliance. ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs) **Avoided Costs** 0.00 \$0 \$0 Disposal 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Personnel Inspection/Reporting/Sampling 0.00 <u>\$0</u> \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 Supplies/Equipment \$0 Financial Assurance [2] 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 Notes for AVOIDED costs \$25 \$500 TOTAL Approx. Cost of Compliance

Screening Date 8-Sep-2015 Docket No. 2015-1483-IWD-E PCW Respondent Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) Case ID No. 51335 PCW Revision March 26, 2014 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102349438 Media [Statute] Water Quality Enf. Coordinator Cheryl Thompson Violation Number Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 7.c Failed to report any effluent violation which deviates from the permitted effluent limitation by more than 40% in writing to the Abilene Regional Office and the Enforcement Division within five working days of becoming aware of the noncompliance, as documented during an investigation conducted on July 9, 2015. Violation Description Specifically, the Respondent failed to submit noncompliance notifications within five working days for the exceedances of permitted limitations by more than 40% for the months of May 2014, August 2014, October 2014, January 2015 and April 2015. The noncompliance notifications were submitted on June 20, 2015. \$25,000 **Base Penalty** >> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix Release Major Moderate Minor OR Actual Potential Percent 0.0% >>Programmatic Matrix Falsification Major Moderate Minor Percent 5.0% Matrix 100% of the rule requirement was not met. Notes and the state of t \$23,750 \$1,250 **Violation Events** Number of Violation Events Number of violation days 466 daily weekly monthly mark only one quarterly **Violation Base Penalty** \$6,250 with an x semiannual annual single event Five single events are recommended, one event for each delinquent notification. Good Faith Efforts to Comply 0.0% Reduction \$0 Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer Extraordinary Ordinary N/A (mark with x) The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for Notes this violation. Violation Subtotal \$6,250 Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation Statutory Limit Test Estimated EB Amount \$18 Violation Final Penalty Total \$6,250 This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$6,250 

Respondent Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC Case ID No. 51335 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102349438 Media Water Quality Percent Interest Depreciation Years of Violation No. 3 5.0 Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs **EB** Amount Item Description No commas or \$ **Delayed Costs** Equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Buildings 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Engineering/Construction 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 Land n/a \$0 \$0 Record Keeping System 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 9-Jul-2015 \$250 Training/Sampling 0.93 \$12 n/a \$12 Remediation/Disposal 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 **Permit Costs** 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Other (as needed) 5-Jun-2014 20-Jun-2015 1.04 n/a Estimated cost to prepare and submit the noncompliance notifications (5 x 25) to the TCEQ Abilene Regional office and the Enforcement Division and to update the Facility's operational guidance and conduct employee training to ensure that all reporting procedures are properly accomplished, including the timely Notes for DELAYED costs submittal of noncompliance notifications. Dates required are the date the first noncompliance notification was due and the investigation date. Final dates are the date the noncompliance notifications were submitted and the estimated date of compliance. ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs) **Avoided Costs** Disposal 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Personnel 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Inspection/Reporting/Sampling 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Supplies/Equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0

Financial Assurance [2] ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] Other (as needed)

Notes for AVOIDED costs

\$375 TOTAL \$18 Approx. Cost of Compliance

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		This vio	lation Final A	ssessed Penalty (adju	sted for limits)	\$1,125

Respondent Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC Case ID No. 51335 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102349438 Media Water Quality Years of Percent Interest Depreciation Violation No. 4 5.0 Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs **EB Amount** Item Description No commas or \$ **Delayed Costs** 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Equipment \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 Buildinas \$0 0.00 \$0 \$0 Other (as needed) 0.00 \$0 Engineering/Construction \$0 \$0 0.00 n/a \$0 Land \$0 Record Keeping System 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Training/Sampling 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 Remediation/Disposal 0.00 \$0 n/a \$0 **Permit Costs** \$0 n/a \$0 Other (as needed) \$300 9-Jul-2015 8-Sep-2015 0.17 Estimated cost to purchase pH standards; to calibrate the pH meter; to purchase potassium iodide and sodium arsenite to conduct manganese correction for total chlorine residual; and to begin measuring total Notes for DELAYED costs chlorine residual values greater than 2.2 mg/L. Date required is the investigation date. Final date is the date of compliance ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs) **Avoided Costs** 0.00 \$0 \$0 Disposal <u>\$0</u> 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Personnel 0.00 Inspection/Reporting/Sampling \$0 \$0 \$0 Supplies/Equipment 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 Financial Assurance [2] 0.00 \$0 \$0 \$0 ONE-TIME avoided costs [3] \$0 \$0 \$0 0.00 Other (as needed) Notes for AVOIDED costs \$3 TOTAL Approx. Cost of Compliance \$300

# Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC TCEQ Permit No. WQooo3123000 Docket No. 2015-1483-IWD-E

Effluent Violation Table					
	Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5-day Daily Max.	Total Suspended Solids Daily Max.	Total Chlorine Residual Daily Min.		
Month/Year	Limit = 65 mg/L	Limit = 65 mg/L	Limit = 1.0 mg/L		
May 2014	С	С	0.02		
August 2014	С	С	0.06		
October 2014	c	418	0.58		
January 2015	260	1,520	0.12		
April 2015	110	130	С		

 $Min. = minimum \quad c=compliant \quad Max. = maximum \quad mg/L = milligrams per liter$ 

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# Compliance History Report

PENDING Compliance History Report for CN601563778, RN102349438, Rating Year 2015 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2015.

**Customer, Respondent,** CN601563778, Southwest Convenience

Classification: SATISFACTORY

Rating: 0.31

or Owner/Operator:

Stores, LLC

RN102349438, 7 Eleven 57218

Classification: HIGH

Rating: 0.00

**Complexity Points:** 

11

Repeat Violator: NO

Regulated Entity:

CH Group:

01 - Gas Stations with convenience Stores and other Gas Stations

Location:

UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 287, APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF HARROLD IN WILBARGER

COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region:

**REGION 03 - ABILENE** 

ID Number(s):

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0003123000

**LEAKING PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS REMEDIATION** 

**REGISTRATION 46347 STORMWATER PERMIT TXR05T321** 

**ID NUMBER 119596** 

Rating Date: 09/01/2015

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2010 to August 31, 2015

Rating Year: 2015

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: September 22, 2015

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: September 22, 2010 to September 22, 2015

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Cheryl Thompson

Phone: (817) 588-5886

#### Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?

YES NO

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

3) If **YES** for #2, who is the current owner/operator?

N/A

4) If **YES** for #2, who was/were the prior

N/A

owner(s)/operator(s)?

5) If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator

#### Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

**B.** Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1 August 20, 2012 (1022008)Item 2 August 11, 2014 (1185979)

Item 3 May 18, 2015 July 06, 2015

(1247473)

Item 4

(1260556)

## E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

N/A

#### F. Environmental audits:

N/A

#### G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

#### H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

#### I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

#### J. Early compliance:

N/A

#### **Sites Outside of Texas:**

N/A

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
SOUTHWEST CONVENIENCE	§	
STORES, LLC	§	
RN102349438	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

# AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2015-1483-IWD-E

#### I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On	, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the
Commission" or "TCEQ") cor	sidered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement
	Convenience Stores, LLC ("Respondent") under the authority of
	26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the
	ne Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located on United States Highway 287, approximately one mile southeast of Harrold, Wilbarger County, Texas (the "Facility").
- 2. The Facility adjoins, is contiguous with, surrounds, or is near or adjacent to water in the state as defined in Tex. Water Code § 26.001(5).
- 3. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about August 29, 2015.
- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.

- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$11,800) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$9,440) of the administrative penalty and Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$2,360) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.
- 7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with **30** TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
- 9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Facility:
  - a. On June 20, 2015, submitted written noncompliance notifications for effluent violations which deviated from the permitted effluent limitations by more than 40% to the TCEQ Abilene Regional office and the Enforcement Division.
  - b. On August 31, 2015, calibrated the flow meter.
  - c. By September 8, 2015, purchased pH standards, began calibrating the pH meter, purchased potassium iodide and sodium arsenite to conduct manganese correction for total chlorine residual, and begin measuring total chlorine residual values greater than 2.2 milligrams per liter ("mg/L").
  - d. By May 31, 2015, removed sludge and cleaned the chlorine contact chamber and returned to compliance with permitted effluent limitations.
- 10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

#### II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

- 1. Failed to calibrate the flow meter annually, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 5, as documented during an investigation conducted on July 9, 2015. Specifically, the flow meter had not been calibrated within the last twelve months.
- 2. Failed to comply with permitted effluent limitations, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1) and Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Conditions of the Permit, as documented during an investigation conducted on July 9, 2015, and as shown in the table below:

Effluent Violation Table					
	Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5-day Daily Max.	Total Suspended Solids Daily Max.	Total Chlorine Residual Daily Min.		
Month/Year	Limit = 65 mg/L	Limit = 65 mg/L	Limit = 1.0 mg/L		
May 2014	С	c	0.02		
August 2014	С	с	0.06		
October 2014	С	418	0.58		
January 2015	260	1,520	0.12		
April 2015	110	130	С		

 $Min = minimum \ c = compliant \ Max. = maximum \ mg/L = milligrams per liter$ 

- 3. Failed to report any effluent violation which deviates from the permitted effluent limitation by more than 40% in writing to the Abilene Regional Office and the Enforcement Division within five working days of becoming aware of the noncompliance, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 7.c, as documented during an investigation conducted on July 9, 2015. Specifically, the Respondent failed to submit noncompliance notifications within five working days for the exceedances of permitted limitations by more than 40% for the months of May 2014, August 2014, October 2014, January 2015 and April 2015. The noncompliance notifications were submitted on June 20, 2015.
- Failed to to comply with test procedures for the analysis of pollutants, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 305.125(1), 319.6, 319.9(d) and 319.11(c) and TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 2, as documented during an investigation conducted on July 9, 2015. Specifically, pH meter calibrations were not being performed each day that samples were analyzed with a minmum of two standards which bracket the pH values of the sample. In addition the Respondent was not

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conducting manganese correction for total chlorine residual measurements and was not measuring for total chlorine residual values greater than 2.2 mg/L.

#### III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

#### IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Southwest Convenience Stores, LLC, Docket No. 2015-1483-IWD-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Update the Facility's operational guidance and conduct employee training to ensure that all reporting requirements are properly accomplished, including the timely submittal of noncompliance notifications, in accordance with TCEQ Permit No. WQ0003123000, Monitoring Requirements No. 7.c.
  - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

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The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager Abilene Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 1977 Industrial Boulevard Abilene, Texas 79602-7833

- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 7. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and

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accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under Tex. Bus. Org. Code § 1.002.

8. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

# SIGNATURE PAGE

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	Date
For the Executive Director	7/21/16 Date
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I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attac agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the en do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein accepting payment for the penalty amount, is material	tity indicated below my signature, and I . I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in
<ul> <li>I also understand that failure to comply with the Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may be a negative impact on compliance history;</li> <li>Greater scrutiny of any permit applications subsequently of this case to the Attorney General's Gradditional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to additional penalties.</li> </ul>	result in: omitted; Office for contempt, injunctive relief, o a collection agency;
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TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law In addition, any falsification of any compliance docum	
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**Instructions**: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.